

### REMARKS

Claims 3-11, 13 and 16 remain pending in the present application. Claim 16 is new. Basis for the amendments and new claims can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings originally filed.

### NEW CLAIM

Applicants have added new independent Claim 16 to allowed Claims 3-11 and 13 to better define what Applicants believe is the patentable invention.

### CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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